

# LOW INCOME POPULATION

## Low income after-tax (LIM-AT) households:

Households with household incomes that are 50% of the Canadian after-tax median income adjusted for family size and age of children. For a more detailed explanation of the method for deriving the LIMs-AT, see:

<http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/nhs-enm/2011/ref/dict/fam021-eng.cfm>

## Couple family household:

Refers to a married or common-law couple, either with or without children. A couple may be of same or opposite sex, or an intact or stepfamily.

## Lone-parent family household:

Refers to a lone parent of any marital status, with at least one child.

## Non-family household:

Households that consist of neither a couple family nor lone-parent family.

## Data sources:

LIM-AT – Statistics Canada, Income Statistics Division & Small Area and Administrative Data Division, Table 18: Family data – After-tax low income, 2005-2012

## Percentage calculation:

The percentage of low income households were calculated by dividing the number of households categorized as LIM-AT by the total number of households.

## Low Income After-tax Households

In 2012, 16.3% of households in the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (NBPSDHU) region were low income, compared to 18.0% of households in Ontario (see Figure 1; Table 1). The percentage of low income households decreased significantly from 2005 to 2012 in the NBPSDHU region.

Of the three types of households, lone-parent families were the highest percentage of low income households in 2012. Over a third of lone-parent family households were low income in the NBPSDHU region and Ontario. About a quarter of non-family households were low income in either region.

Figure 1. Percentage of Low Income After-Tax Households, by Health Region and Year.

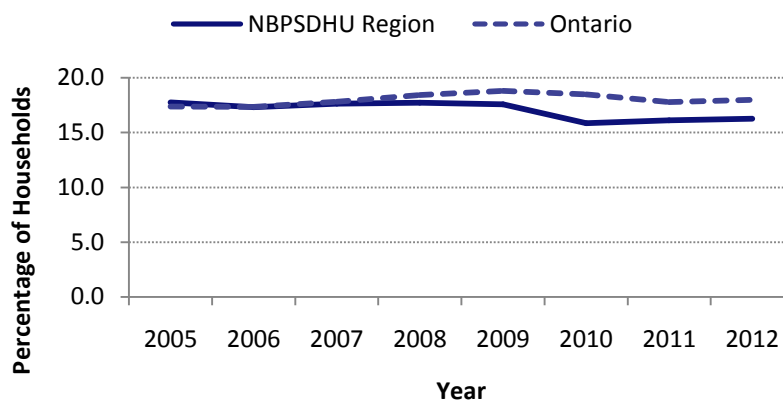


Table 1. Percentage of Low Income After-Tax Households, by Health Region, Year, and Family Type.

Year	NBPSDHU Region				Ontario			
	All households	Couple households	Lone-parent households	Non-family households	All households	Couple households	Lone-parent households	Non-family households
2005	17.8	7.6	38.6	26.9	17.4	9.0	36.3	25.0
2006	17.3	7.2	35.7	27.0	17.3	9.7	32.5	25.3
2007	17.6	7.4	37.3	27.2	17.8	9.8	33.1	26.4
2008	17.7	7.3	37.2	27.7	18.4	10.2	33.0	27.5
2009	17.6	7.1	36.3	27.8	18.8	10.4	32.8	28.3
2010	15.9	6.0	31.2	25.9	18.5	9.7	29.9	29.2
2011	16.1	5.9	36.0	25.3	17.8	9.7	31.9	26.5
2012	16.3	6.4	36.4	25.1	18.0	10.0	32.3	26.4

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## Percentage Calculation:

The percentage of persons living in low income households was calculated by dividing the number of persons living in low income households categorized as LIM-AT by all persons living in the total number of households.

## Persons Living in Low Income After-tax Households

In 2012 a higher percentage of children aged 17 years or younger lived in low income households compared to all persons in the NBPSDHU region (see Table 2). The percentage of children and seniors living in low income households has not changed significantly between 2005 and 2012 for either the NBPSDHU region or Ontario, while the percentage of low income among adults in the NBPSDHU region has decreased significantly, although only by about 1%.

**Table 2. Percentage of Persons in Low Income After-Tax Households, by Health Region, Year, and Family Type.**

Year	NBPSDHU Region				Ontario			
	All persons	Adults Aged 18-64	Children Aged 0-17	Seniors	All persons	Adults Aged 18-64	Children Aged 0-17	Seniors
2005	15.3	16.2	22.6	3.0	15.2	15.3	21.0	5.1
2006	14.6	15.9	20.6	2.8	15.2	15.6	20.0	5.0
2007	14.9	16.2	20.9	3.4	15.3	15.7	19.8	5.9
2008	14.9	16.2	21.0	3.5	15.8	16.3	20.1	6.3
2009	14.7	16.1	20.8	3.2	16.0	16.7	20.1	6.4
2010	13.0	14.4	18.0	2.9	15.2	15.7	18.3	8.1
2011	13.4	14.8	19.9	2.7	15.1	15.8	19.4	5.9
2012	13.8	15.3	20.8	2.7	15.4	16.2	19.9	5.7